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l. On the instructions of the Yugoslav General Staff, construction work on the Kursumlija - Pristina railway is being accelerated. This line, which is the main artery between his and Skoplje, is of special strategical significance in the fulfillment of the "V.J." Plan.

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- 2. According to the original schedule this work was to have been finished by the summer of 1948, but present instructions call for its completion by 1 May 1948.
- 3. The work involves the construction of 11 fair-sized bridges, all of steel or reinforced concrete. Of the 11 bridges, seven have been built and the eighth is still under construction.
- In the same orders the Yugoslav General Staff has asked the national youth organization, Narodna Omladina, to give immediate assistance in the construction of the Tito restallurgical works at Skoplje.
- 5. These metallurgical works will consist of seven large shops, one of which has already been completed. Another is scheduled for completion early in 1948. In addition to agricultural machinery and tractors, the works will manufacture caterpillars for tanks and guns.
- 6. In connection with the fulfillment of the "V.J." Plan, the Ministry of National Defense has authorized the necessary credits for the construction on the bank of the Vardar river at Skoplje of large units of dwellings and offices for the use of the Army. The plan provides for the construction of 21 units, six of which have already been roofed. These buildings are four stories high with 600 apartments.
- 7. Of the 200 industrial projects at present under construction in Yugoslavia, 63 are connected with the "B.B." Plan.

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